

2. The [A] composition according to claim 1, wherein [the one or more anhydrous compounds are] said at least one anhydrous compound is selected from the group consisting of CaO, [and] anhydrous [or calcined] MgSO₄ and calcined MgSO₄, and a combination thereof.

3. The [A] composition according to claim 2, wherein both CaO and anhydrous or calcined MgSO₄ are present.

4. The [A] composition according to claim [claims] 2 [or 3], wherein the CaO is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.

5. The [A] composition according to claim [claims] 2 [or 3], wherein anhydrous or calcined MgSO₄ is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.

6. A composition as recited in claim 1 [claimed in any of the preceding claims], which further comprises an acid or a salt thereof and a carbonate and/or bicarbonate or a salt thereof sufficient to cause said composition to effervesce in water.

7. A composition as claimed in claim 6 [any of the preceding claims], wherein said acid or a salt thereof is [comprising] calcium lactate.

8. A composition as claimed in claim 1 [any preceding claims] further comprising a sulphite.

Please add the following new claims:

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A2 12. The composition according to claim 3, wherein the CaO is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.

13. The composition according to claim 3, wherein anhydrous or calcined MgSO_4 is present in an amount up to 10% by weight of the composition.

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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